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SUB: NAMIBIA: ATTEMPTED ACT OF SABOTAGE IN SOUTHERN
NAMIBIA

1. MAY 24 PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEL QUOTE SWA DIVISIONAL
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE VICTOR VERSTER AS SAYING THAT
SABOTEURS HAD FAILED IN A MAY 20 ATTEMPT TO DESTROY A
BRIDGE ACROSS THE GURUCHAB RIVER, ON THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN
SOUTH AFRICA AND WINDHOEK, ABOUT 40 KM SOUTH OF KEETMANSHOOP,
IN SOUTHERN NAMIBIA. VERSTER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH
50 KGS. PLASTIC EXPLISIVES OF RUSSIAN ORIGIN WERE USED,
THE BLAST CAUSED VERY LITTLE DAMAGE AND THE ROAD REMAINS
ENTIRELY SERVICEABLE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS,VERSTER
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SAID ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT SWAPO TERRORISTS WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENT.

2. THIS IS REPORTEDLY THE FIRST INCIDENT OF TERRORISM
OF ITS KIND TO TAKE PLACE SO FAR SOUTH IN NAMIBIA.

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